Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 17 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Monday 18 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 16 Apr 2022 at 10:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high confidence throughout. Main uncertainty regarding eastward extent of rain on Sunday, and cloud amounts through the period.

Headline for Sunday 17 Apr 2022: Cloudy with patchy light rain in west. Drier, brighter in east. Occasionally strong summit winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 17 Apr 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	30%	20%	10%	10%	30%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 17 Apr 2022

Weather: A mostly dry but predominantly cloudy day. Eastern peaks from Ben Wyvis to Glen Afflic, as well as northern hills such as Ben More Assynt and Ben Hope will probably see the best of the brightness. Further west, light rain will occasionally affect the Cuillin Hills, Knoydart and Torridon at times. Rain will then extend across most hills in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in west. 70% elsewhere with best chances in north and east. Likelihood will reduce through the evening as rain spreads east.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility but lowering moderate in rain across the west. Low cloud occasionally down to 400 m across Skye and west coast through the day, and 500 m across the south in the morning with very poor visibility within cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	28/32 S	27/31 S	24/28 S	20/25 SE	21/27 SE	26/33 SE	27/34 S	29/36 S	27/35 S
900	26/30 S	25/30 S	22/26 S	18/22 SE	20/25 SE	24/31 SE	25/32 S	26/34 S	25/33 S
600	15/20 S	15/20 S	13/18 S	12/16 S	15/21 S	16/23 SE	16/23 S	17/24 S	17/24 S
300	3/14 S	3/17 S	3/13 S	3/12 SE	5/17 S	6/21 SE	5/21 S	6/21 S	8/23 S
Glen	6/15 SE	5/14 S	5/11 SE	4/11 SE	7/15 S	6/15 SE	6/14 SW	6/16 S	10/21 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1	5/-0	7/1	7/2	5/-1	4/-3
900	6/0	5/-1	4/-1	5/1	6/1	7/3	7/2	6/0	4/-2
600	8/4	7/3	7/3	8/4	8/5	10/6	10/6	8/4	7/2
300	10/9	9/8	9/8	10/10	11/10	12/12	12/11	10/9	9/7
Glen	12/11	11/10	11/10	12/12	14/12	14/13	13/12	12/11	10/8
Freezing Level*	1900m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1800m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Temperatures will be quite mild in the glens, but cold and at times windy on the summits where warm clothing will be essential.

Forecast for Monday 18 Apr 2022
Weather: Overnight rain and summit snow clearing north Monday morning. Cooler conditions following in behind with drier, brighter spells for a good part of the day. Further cloud and rain and hill snow will spread into the west mid-afternoon and affect most hills by late-afternoon or evening. Strong southerly to southwesterly winds.

Maximum wind: Southerly or southwesterly mean 30 mph gusting 40-45 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% rising to 80% by midday, lowering 30% again later in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility occasionally lowering moderate in rain. Low cloud at times in rain through the early hours and from late afternoon with cloud bases 400-600 m, with very poor visibility within the cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius falling to zero Celsius, later rising to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 800 m, later rising to near summits.

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